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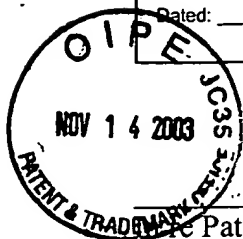
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 28, 2003 (Paper No. 15), for which a response was due on October 28, 2003. A petition is included to extend the time for response to November 28, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.